COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY, D/B/A)
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR)
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A TARIFF) CASE NO. 98-345
RIDER FOR TEMPORARY)
EMERGENCY CURTAIL ABLE (TEC))

INTERIM ORDER

Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power ("Kentucky Power") filed, on July 1, 1998, its request for approval of a Tariff Rider for Temporary Emergency Curtailable ("TEC") service. This rider provides for voluntary curtailment of service for Kentucky Power customers served under Tariff C.I.P.-T.O.D. It permits such customers to contract with Kentucky Power in which the customer for a price on the capacity, or power, that they would make available in times of temporary emergencies on the Kentucky Power system.

Having considered the proposed TEC Rider and taking administrative notice of the current availability of electric generating capacity in the Midwestern United States for the summer months of 1998, the Commission finds that the proposed Tariff Rider TEC constitutes a new rate for electric service, not a change in existing rates; that the proposed Tariff Rider TEC should be suspended for further investigation; and that, as AEP's operations may be materially impaired by the failure to permit the proposed rate to go into effect during such investigation, the proposed rate should be suspended for one day and then permitted to take effect subject to further change.

By its Order today, the Commission does not address the issues of cost recovery and administration of the TEC bidding system. These, and other pertinent issues will be addressed later in this proceeding. Further procedural Orders in this proceeding will be issued shortly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The proposed Tariff Rider TEC is suspended for one day, to be effective, subject to change, with service rendered on and after July 9, 1998.
 - 2. Kentucky Power's motion for deviation is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of July, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director